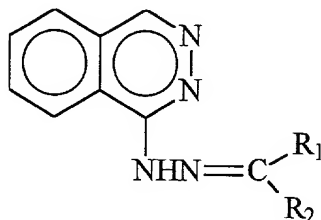
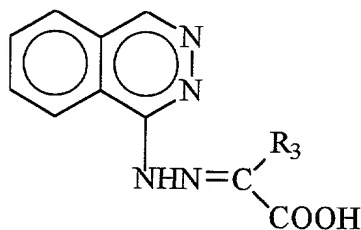


# Abstract of the Disclosure

A method of improving the stability of a hydralazine composition during manufacturing or storage comprising coupling an N-protecting group with hydralazine to produce the compound having the formula:



or a compound having the formula:



where  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are independently H, branched or straight chain alkyl having from 1 to about 7 carbon atoms, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted alkylcycloalkyl, lower alkenyl or  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  together form part of a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl having from about 4 of about 7 carbon atoms; where  $R_3$  is a branched or straight chain alkyl having from 1 to about 7 carbon atoms, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl, aralkyl, substituted or unsubstituted alkylcycloalkyl or a group having the formula  $(CH_2)_nCOOH$  where  $n$  is from 1 to about 7.